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Dear Student Body Advisor:

The Utah National Guard is pleased to announce the 55th annual Freedom Academy will be held at Camp W.G. Williams from **31 July-05 August 2016**. We would like to invite one (1) representative and three (3) alternate from your high school's Junior Class to attend this year's Freedom Academy. Attendance at the Freedom Academy is at **NO COST** to the student or school other than transportation to and from Camp Williams. The Freedom Academy will cover all other expenses during their stay. Please have your school's nominated representatives and alternate(s) registration online at:

<http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/registration>

A complete information packet will be mailed to the delegate once we receive their name(s). We require names of the delegates by **June 1, 2016** so we can complete our planning. **Final deadline is June 15, 2016.** If you do not know who your delegate will be, by name, please indicate this by requesting a space be reserved for your school. Please email us at freedomacademyutah@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The purpose of the Freedom Academy is to promote the ideals and principles of this great nation, to promote a sense of patriotism, and to provide motivation to be actively involved in preserving the freedoms we enjoy. To aid in this endeavor, students will be exposed during their stay to some of the more prominent government, business, and military leaders in the state and will have the opportunity to have hands-on experience with various types of military equipment. The program presents a balanced curriculum designed to serve the academic, social, spiritual, and recreational needs of those attending.

High schools are authorized to send at least one (1) student (male or female) to the Freedom Academy. We request you nominate one primary members and up to three (3) alternates from this year's Junior Class. The Student Body President-elect, Vice President-elect, Senior Class president-elect, etc. or other outstanding young persons are suggested; however, the choice will be left to your discretion. They should have the ability of creating the spirit of patriotism in the students with whom they associate during the following school year.

Please stress to your nominee the importance of attending as scheduled once they accept the nomination. If for some reason they are unable to attend, arrangements should be made for their alternate to attend.

For more information about Freedom Academy please visit our YouTube videos
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k-LogQXzZo&list=PLymX7NZsoztEsjfTmuCTk5LOlQlql0qGU>

Your support of this event is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Lieutenant Colonel John Darrington at (801) 716-9208 or SFC Annie Maxwell at (801) 878-5401 or email at freedomacademyutah@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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